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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroyasu Abe et al.

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
WOOD ELEMENTS FOR MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENTS, WOOD ELEMENTS FOR  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OBTAINED  
THEREBY, AND MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENT THEREWITH

Examiner: M. L. Dixon

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2005, please reconsider the  
above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.